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Soviet troops in the strength of one division arrived in East Berlin. The division was an alert division from the area of Templin and was assigned tank units                      AT units, light and heavy AA units, 2 x 152-mm batteries, 2 rocket launcher batteries, armored scout cars, armored personnel carriers, trucks with mounted 20 mm twin guns, ammunition trucks and supply vehicles. The command post of the division was on Humann Platz. An additional division, which allegedly was a training division, arrived from the area of Potsdam during the night on 17 June. The command post of this division was in Karlshorst and in the Gruenau forest. During the night on 23 June, elements of the alert division, primarily tanks, were loaded at the Pankow-Schoenhausen railroad station.<sup>1</sup>                      on 26 June, the troops received order to establish close contact with the population.                                           military bands played at the squares and that soldiers played with children.

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                     It appears possible that the division was the 6th Gds Mecz Div.                      The present report does not go beyond the statements in the field comment on reference report. Tanks                      are carried as belonging to the 12th Gds Tank Div. They may, however, also belong to the 6th Mecz Div. The tanks were probably not loaded by units of the 21st Tank Gds Tank Div, since this division was employed in the north area until 1 July and strong elements were still employed north of the Spree River until 4 July. The training division from the area of Potsdam probably is the 1st Mecz Div, elements of which had however, continually arrived since the morning on 17 June.

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